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SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELEASE OF FMS/MAP DETAILS ON ARAB COUNTRIES,
IRAN AND ISRAEL

REF: STATE 108266

1. ON MAY 26, CHIEF ARMISH/MAAG AND EMBOFF RAISED WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN, VICE MINISTER OF WAR, QUESTION OF RELEASE OF DATA ON IRANIAN FMS/MAP TRANSACTIONS. DESCRIBED SITUATION PRESENTED IN REFTTEL. TOUFANIAN SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH SHAH WHOM HE WAS SEEING SAME DAY.

2. ON MAY 28 TOUFANIAN SAID HE PREFERRED NOT TO RESPOND TO OUR QUESTION IN SPECIFIC CONTEXT, BUT RATHER HE WOULD PROVIDE WRITTEN REPLY TO MEMORANDUM ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SENT HIM COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO BY CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG. IN REPLY HE WOULD STATE THAT IRAN DID NOT WISH USG TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS ARMS PURCHASES FROM THE US. ALTHOUGH IRAN UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT TREATED AS CLASSIFIED BY USG AGENCIES, GOI
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DID CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS CLASSIFIED

MATTER. IRAN WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE USG TO RELEASE THIS
INFORMATION WHICH HAD BEEN CLASSIFIED BY GOI.

3. WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM GENERAL TOUFANIAN TO CHIEF,
ARMISH/MAAG, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS
ON APPLICABILITY OF GOI-USG GENERAL SECURITY OF INFORMATION
AGREEMENT(6 JUNE 1974) TO SITUATION OF THIS KIND. ARE WE NOT
OBLIGED TO RESPECT IRANIAN REQUEST TO PROTECT CLASSIFIED
DOCUMENTS IN ACCORD WITH PRINCIPLES OF THAT AGREEMENT?
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